

REVIEW OF VERB FORMS

ACTIVE VOICE

INDICATIVE			
SUBJUNCTIVE			
	--		+++
OPTATIVE			
			+++
IMPERATIVE			
	--		+++
INFINITIVE			
PARTICIPLE			

MIDDLE VOICE

INDICATIVE			
SUBJUNCTIVE			
	--		+++
OPTATIVE			
			+++
IMPERATIVE			
	--		+++
INFINITIVE			
PARTICIPLE			

PASSIVE VOICE

INDICATIVE			
SUBJUNCTIVE			
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OPTATIVE			
			+++
IMPERATIVE			
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INFINITIVE			
PARTICIPLE			

Now you know all of the basic forms of the Greek verb. If you were given the principal parts of any regular Greek verb, whether an ω verb or a μ verb, you should be able to create a paradigm with all of the forms.

Skill in reading Greek is in large measure a matter of being comfortable with the paradigm, of being able to recognize verb forms quickly and securely, the way you recognize most nouns. When you look at a genitive you do not have to puzzle out what it is; you just "know." You are now ready to go for this same sort of "knowing" with verbs--somewhere between intuition and a mental operation.

There are two basic ways to get better at recognizing verb forms. One way is to write the paradigm over and over until it is utterly familiar to you. You should be practicing this now, until you get to the point where you can write out the entire paradigm of a normal verb in less than forty minutes.

The second way is to practice writing and identifying given forms. Parsing and doing synopses can be time-consuming and tedious. You will learn a lot faster by doing the Pointing Exercise. This exercise can be done any time your teacher or a partner provides the forms. Or you can read through stories or Thesaurus selections and locate the verbs on the chart.

POINTING EXERCISE

For any form given, look at the chart on this page and point to where it would be found. Try one or two in English first to get the hang of it: (1) *I fear lest they not find the house.* (2) *"Give yourself a good dinner every day."*

Now for the Greek: Notice that if you are given the form παύομαι, you will need two fingers, one for the Middle "page" and one for the Passive "page." And in some cases, a third hand would help! (See θάψαι p. 182.)

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| 1. γνωσθῆναι | 7. ἐγράφου | 13. ποιήσω |
| 2. πεπαιδεύκασι | 8. κλέψαι | 14. κρύψασθε |
| 3. λιπεῖν | 9. ποιηθήσεσθε | 15. φυλλάξοιεν |
| 4. ἀκούση | 10. τεθνηκός | 16. ἴδωσι |
| 5. λύουσι | 11. δείξειε | 17. κλαπέιη |
| 6. ἐπεπλήγμην | 12. σωθέντων | 18. κάλεσον |